Title: Need to modernise the Netaji Subas International Airport at Kolkata.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY (BASIRHAT): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of this august House to a very important matter. Kolkata city is one of the biggest cities in our country. Kolkata international airport is not only the gateway of Eastern and South Eastern regions of our country but also the gate-way of South-East Asian countries and ASEAN countries also. Some of these countries are very much prospering regarding the economic affairs. Our hon. Prime Minister attended the ASEAN Summit and asked for more trade and other business with other ASEAN countries.

As the Kolkata international airport is the gateway of South-East Asian country, Sir, through you, I demand the Government of India to upgrade, modernize and expand the Netaji Subhash Chandra International Airport. I also demand, through you, Sir, that more frequent international flights from Kokata international airport to other important countries in the world.

I hope, the Minister will respond. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: He is not here.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY : Sir, it is very urgent and important matter, and it is in the interest of the entire country. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Everybody, including the Chair, is associating with this matter.

Now, Shri Ravichandran.